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On July 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. May, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Nagasaki, a daughter.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VOUX ROAD C
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLINT STREET, EC**The Daily Press.**

HONGKONG, JULY 24TH, 1911.

Mr. SHELTON HOOPER has resigned his seat on the Sanitary Board as a protest, presumably, against the attitude of the Government towards the Board, revealed in certain questions and answers reported in the proceedings of the Board's last meeting.

On June 20th the Board passed a resolution deleting from the repealing clause of the new Sanitary and Conservancy Bye-laws the words "and at page 480 of the Regulations of Hongkong 1910," but when the Bye-laws came before the Legislative Council for approval on July 6th these words had been re-inserted. In reply to a question on the subject the President of the Board said the words were re-inserted by the authority of the Colonial Secretary, and he presumed the reason for their re-insertion was that the Colonial Secretary considered them necessary for use and reference in the future. The President of the Board was himself not aware before the Legislative Council had approved the Bye-laws, that the addition had been made.

At the suggestion of Mr. HOOPER, the President of the Board undertook to inform the Government of the "error." Mr. HOOPER has not waited for the Government's reply to that communication, but the

electors who will be asked shortly to appoint another representative will be greatly interested to read what excuse there is to offer for the discourtesy shown to the Board. If recommendations made by the Board are to be calmly ignored in this way, there is little satisfaction to be got out of public representation on the Board. When Mr. HENRY HUMPHREYS retired from the Board in January 1909 he said he took leave without a single regret, for the Board's business had been whittled down by new legislation to practically nothing, and the proceedings had become a farce. We do not know that we should be correct in saying that Mr. HOOPER, after serving on the Board for nearly six years, of which about three have been under the new régime, has reached a similar conclusion. It will be admitted, we dare say by the Government as handsomely as by the ratepayers that Mr. HOOPER has rendered a great amount of very useful service on the Board. There is no need for us to dwell at any length upon the close attention he has paid to the work, for the reports of the Board's proceedings have made that fact obvious to all. Nor can it be necessary to recall the valuable services he rendered as a member of the Commission whose report led to the reorganisation of the Sanitary Department and the Board. His great interest in the work, combined with his intimate knowledge and long experience have marked him as one pre-eminently qualified to represent the community on this Board, and the loss of his services therefore evokes more than a formal expression of regret. Though he has frequently been a thorn in the side of the Government, it cannot be denied that his criticisms have always been pertinent and often beneficial to the administration. We trust that the reasons assigned for the resignation of Mr. HOOPER, and the remembrance of those which prompted the retirement of Mr. HENRY HUMPHREYS will not have the effect of discouraging others absolutely from undertaking to represent the community on the Board. It is perhaps a thankless office, but in its heart of hearts the community appreciates the service, and certainly recognises that it is highly desirable that public representation on the Board should be fully maintained. From that point of view we are inclined to question the wisdom of the resignation on a matter which did not vitally affect the interests of the community, although it involved a highly important principle to which Mr. HOOPER forcibly called attention by his questions and speeches at the Sanitary Board meeting. It cannot be said that such courtesy is habitually shown towards the Sanitary Board by the Government, and it seems incredible to us that the circumstances related by Mr. HOOPER can have been deliberately intended as a snub to the Board. Whatever may be the Government's explanation, we are inclined to think that after the public reference made to the matter there is not likely to be another incident of the kind.

Three more fatal cases of plague, Chinese, were reported on Saturday, bringing the year's death roll up to 224.

Mr. C. Pemberton, Secretary of the China Fire Insurance Co., left by the *Empress of Japan* on Saturday on leave. Mr. H. F. Hickman has been appointed Secretary during his absence.It is announced in the *Graphic* that his Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the Hon. Mr. W. D. Barnes to be Chairman of the Licensing Board, vice the Hon. Sir Henry May, resigned.

News of another armed robbery has been communicated to police headquarters from Cheung Chau. Six men, one of whom was armed with a knife, are stated to have entered a villager's shop, overpowered the folks and departed with 837.

Major E. L. Mears, Captain E. S. Johnson, three non-commissioned officers from the Army Service Corps and one non-commissioned officer of the Army Ordnance Corps were attached to the Command from the 25th to 30th November, 1910, inclusive, awaiting passage to England.

Three Chinese were charged before Mr. Hazelton at the Magistracy on Saturday with kidnapping a married woman from a village in Chinese territory for the purposes of emigration. The case was remanded, and on the next hearing the police will probably prefer a charge of murder against the defendants.

The following police transfers have been made:—Inspector Cameron goes to the Peak from the Central Police Station; Inspector Fenton goes from the Central to No. 8 Station; Sergeant Mackay has been transferred from the Peak to Samshui-poo; and Sergeant Angus, who was in charge of the latter district, reverts to the Central; Lance Sergeant Fowler proceeds from No. 8 Station to the new station opened at Chai Wan; Lance Sergeant Perkins, late usher at the Magistracy, resumes street duty; and has been succeeded by Acting Lance-Sergeant Spencer from the Peak.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS.

LONDON, July 22nd. The Cabinet has considered the political situation, following a conference between Mr. Asquith and the Master of Eltham.

KING TO ACT ON PREMIER'S ADVICE.

London, July 22nd. Lord Lansdowne held a meeting of his supporters at Lansdowne House last night, at which there was an attendance of some 150 politicians.

The proceedings were private, but it is understood that the leaders deprecated the carrying out of extreme measures.

A letter from Mr. Asquith to Mr. Balfour was read, in which the Premier stated that he thought it only courteous and right to let Mr. Balfour know that the Government was unable to accept the Lord's amendments, and, if necessary, he should advise His Majesty the King to exercise his prerogative in order to secure the passing of the Bill into law substantially as it left the House of Commons. His Majesty, the Premier added, had signified that he would consider it his duty to act on that advice.

The meeting did not arrive at any decision.

The Unionists previously met at Mr. Balfour's residence, the attendance including Lord Lansdowne, Lord Selborne, Lord Salisbury, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Mr. George Wyndham and Mr. Bonar Law.

DIVIDED COUNSELLS.

LATER. Unionist accounts of the Lansdowne meeting state that Lord Lansdowne recommended submission to superior force, and was supported by Lord Curzon, Lord St. Aldwyn, the Duke of Devonshire, and Baron Harris, whereas Lord Selborne, the Duke of Norfolk, Lord Salisbury, Duke of Bedford, and Lord Willoughby de Broke urged resistance to the end.

The *Daily Mail* and the *Daily Telegraph* admit that the crisis is ended. The *Morning Post* and *Standard* advocate resistance to the end.

EXTREMISTS UNSUBDUED.

LONDON, July 22nd.

The *Daily Chronicle* states that Mr. Asquith has written a second letter to Lord Lansdowne in which he has asked for an assurance that the Bill will be passed in its original form. Lord Lansdowne is unable at present to give such assurance, thus indicating that the Extremists are unsubdued, and the immediate creation of peers will perhaps be necessary.The *Standard*'s lobby writer agrees with yesterday's statement in the *Daily Graphic* that Lord Lansdowne will support the Government if the Extremists challenge a division.

A SIGNIFICANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

LONDON, July 22nd.

Considerable significance is attached to an announcement made yesterday afternoon that a public dinner will be tendered to Lord Halsbury on Wednesday in recognition of his services and as showing the determination to support him in insisting upon the amendments as the last safeguard of the constitution. Lord Selborne will preside, and will be supported by Lord Salisbury and Mr. Wyndham. Lord Lovat and Lord Willoughby de Broke are acting as organisers for the Lords, and Sir Edward Carson and Mr. F. E. Smith are acting for the Commons.

GOVERNMENT PREPARATIONS.

LONDON, July 22nd.

Several newspapers intimate that the Government intends to postpone consideration of the Lord's amendment for a week and to employ the interval in arranging the formalities for the instantaneous creation of fifty peers, who with the present Government supporters will be sufficient to outvote any peers refusing to accept Lord Lansdowne's advice and persist in resisting. Meanwhile Lord Lansdowne will be asked to guarantee the passing of the original Bill.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WHAT IS MR. BALFOUR'S REAL MIND?

THREATENED DISRUPTION OF THE UNIONIST PARTY.

LONDON, July 22nd.

Mr. Garvin, editor of *The Observer*, in appealing for a large attendance at the banquet to be given in honour of Lord Halsbury says "no surrender" represents the conviction of the mass of the Unionist party and the majority of the leaders. In the event of surrender the Party will be split up, never to be reconstructed.

The present leadership, he adds, is a grave thing for the Party which is still ignorant of Mr. Balfour's mind.

PEACE, BUT NOT AT ANY PRICE.

A SIGNIFICANT SPEECH BY MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

LONDON, July 22nd.

At the Mansion House banquet given by the Bankers and Merchants, Mr. Lloyd George, in replying to the toast of the prosperity of the public purse, said that peace was the first condition of prosperity, but it was essential for Great Britain to maintain her place and her prestige among the Powers. If a situation were forced upon us in which peace was only preservable by the surrender of the great and beneficent position which Great Britain had won through centuries of heroism and achievement, by allowing Britain to be treated when her interests were affected as if she were of no account in the cabinet of nations, then he said emphatically that peace at the price would be a humiliation which would be intolerable for a great country like ours.

A feature of Mr. Lloyd George's speech according to the papers is that it may be regarded as a warning to Germany in connection with Morocco.

The *Daily Chronicle* states that Mr. Lloyd George read a passage from manuscript with great deliberation which might be taken as embodying the judgment of yesterday's Cabinet meeting and is meant as a word in season in view of the situation arising from Germany's action in Morocco.The *Standard* says the situation is apparently deemed sufficiently serious for the Government to take the first opportunity of expressing its determination to uphold British prestige at all costs.

LATER.

Berlin telegrams state that Mr. Lloyd George's speech has been received with astonishment in the Press. Official circles refuse to believe the words were addressed to Germany as negotiations with France are proceeding normally.

COLONIAL ESTIMATES.

DEBATE ON EAST AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

LONDON, July 22nd.

During the debate on the Colonial Estimates in the House of Commons Sir Clement Hill urged the adoption of a more liberal Land Ordinance in East Africa.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald denounced the removal of the northern Masai.

The Right Hon. Mr. L. Harcourt, in the course of a lengthy speech, defended the removal of the northern Masai and emphasised the value of the safeguards imposed. He was convinced that their removal was an advantage to the Masai themselves, to other tribes, to the Protectorate itself, and made for good government and the progress of civilisation.

Referring to the acquittal of the Hon.

Mr. G. Cole (son of Lord Enniskillen) on a charge of shooting a native, he said if it was found that trial by jury in East Africa led to constant miscarriage of justice, he should consider taking steps to prevent it.

With regard to land tenure in East Africa, Lord Kitchener had thought the terms so good that he had recently become a leaseholder there. Mr. Harcourt contended that the Government, while providing sufficiently for the rapid development of the land system, was securing for itself a fair but small return for the future.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FRANCE AND SPAIN.

FRICITION RENEWED.

LONDON, July 22nd.

A telegram from Paris states that Lieutenant Thiriet, the French instructor of the Shereefian troops, on entering Alcazar was arrested by a Spanish outpost. He was struck and taken to the Spanish commander, who insulted him and released him.

There has been great friction owing to the Moors belonging to Lieut. Thiriet's force deserting to the Spaniards.

General Silvestre has telegraphed to his Government that Lieut. Thiriet was assaulted by a supposed deserter, who drew revolver and boxed the ears of a Spanish corporal who interposed. Thiriet was afterwards conducted to General Silvestre, who refused to hold him prisoner.

BISLEY RIFLE MEETING.

KING'S PRIZE WINNER AND SILVER MEDALLIST.

LONDON, July 22nd.

At Bisley Rifle Meeting Garrod, of Oxford University, won the silver medal in the King's Prize with a score of 193. Corporal Trainor (Canada) was second with 192.

The veteran Sparks of London, has won the St. George's Vase.

Clifford, of Canada, has won the King's Prize with an aggregate score of 319.

BRITISH INSURANCE BILL.

LONDON, July 23rd.

Mr. John Redmond has tabled an amendment to the clause providing for an Insurance Commissioner with a Central Office in Ireland for the collecting of all Irish funds.

"DAILY MAIL" AVIATION PRIZE.

LONDON, July 23rd.

The *Daily Mail* aviation race for a purse of £10,000 was started over a triangular course of 1,010 miles beginning at London, taking in Stirling and Bristol and finishing at London. The conditions provide for compulsory stops at the twelve principal towns along the route, and that the same aeroplane must be used throughout the afternoon.

Intense heat prevailed at the beginning of the race, in which over twenty aviators started on the preliminary stage to Brooklands.

LATER.

Lieutenant Poole of the British Navy came to grief soon after starting. His machine fell a distance of sixty feet and was wrecked, but the Lieutenant was not hurt.

M. Beaumont was the first to arrive at

Hendon, but M. Vedrines, who started after him, completed the distance in the quickest time.

THE KING'S VISIT TO SCOTLAND.

LONDON, July 22nd.

Great crowds gathered in Edinburgh to bid farewell to Their Majesties the King and Queen, on their departure for London.

MR. ASQUITH RECEIVED BY THE KING.

LONDON, July 23rd.

His Majesty the King has returned to London, and Mr. Asquith has been received in audience at Buckingham Palace.

LABOUR TROUBLES IN WALES.

LONDON, July 23rd.

In consequence of the spread of labour troubles in Wales two squadrons of cavalry and a battalion of infantry have been ordered to Bristol.

THE RECIPROCITY BILL.

LONDON, July 23rd.

A message from Washington says that the Senate has passed the Reciprocity Bill in its original form, voting down all amendments. It is believed that President Taft signed the Treaty yesterday.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BYE-ELECTIONS.

LONDON, July 22nd.

The bye-election at Luton has resulted as follows:

Mr. Cecil Harmsworth (L.) ... 7,619
Mr. J. O. Hickman (U.) ... 7,006

Liberal majority 613 LATER.

The bye-election at West Somerest has resulted in the return of Mr. Boles

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By Order of the Board of Directors, W. E. CLARKE, Secretary. Hongkong, 11th July, 1911. 1928

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SHARE CERTIFICATES, Nos. 5,248 and 5,249, for One hundred and twenty-five (125) Shares numbered 148,070 to 148,163 and 148,170 to 148,194 inclusive, fully paid-up, standing in the Register in the name of NG LI HENG, of Hongkong, having been Lost or Destroyed. Notice is hereby given that unless the said Certificate be produced at the Offices of the Company, Alexandra Buildings, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, on or before the 28th day of July, 1911, New Certificates for the said Shares will be issued and the Old Certificates will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender, and reserves to itself the right of making any arrangements it may deem advisable as regards the letting of the Farms.

The Farms above referred to are the OPIUM, SPIRIT, GAMBLING and PAWNBORING FARMS for the whole or part of the State. Copies of the Forms of Contracts for the Farms and full particulars of the conditions to be observed by tenders may be seen on application at the Office of the Government SECRETARY, Sandakan, or of Messrs. GARRELS, BONNER & CO., Singapore and Penang, or of Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., at Hongkong.

The rental rates for Chanda fixed by Government for the Opium Farm for 1912, 1913 and 1914 are those specified below viz.—

For every 3 hun packets ... \$0.144
" 4 " ... 0.19
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Hongkong, 24th July, 1911. 1948

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Hongkong, 25th October, 1906. 1908

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

PROPOSED STANDARD FORM OF CONTRACT FOR EXPORTERS.

IN connection with the Circular issued to Exporters of Chinese Produce under date of 15th June, 1911, a Meeting will be held in the OLD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, CITY HALL, TO-DAY (MONDAY), the 24th July, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The following Resolution will be proposed:—

"That all Hongkong Exporters of Chinese produce other than Tea and Silk do hereby bind themselves to include in all Contracts entered into between themselves and Chinese Merchants after the 1st September, 1911, the following Clause:—

"It is also distinctly understood and agreed as the basis of this Contract that description, quality, assortment, weight, &c., shall be as above described and that any inspection of the goods prior to shipment shall not be considered a waiver of or in any way invalidate any of such conditions. Should after arrival at destination all, or any portion of the goods, prove not to agree with above description, or quality, or assortment, or weight, or any other condition, the same shall be examined, within ... weeks after being landed, and arbitrated upon by two independent experts, to be nominated either by a Home Chamber of Commerce or chosen by the Agent of the Hongkong Exporter and by the Consignee, without any reference to either of the parties to this Contract. If both Arbitrators cannot agree, a third person shall be nominated by two Arbitrators and act as Umpire.

"The final decision of either such two Arbitrators and such Umpire shall be final and binding to all parties to this Contract both in Court and without."

By Order, E. A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LTD. General Agents for THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD. Hongkong, 11th July, 1911. 1926

HONGKONG GUN CLUB

THE CHAMPIONSHIP will be SHOT for on SATURDAY, 29th July, 1911, at 4 P.M.

The Club will be "At Home" to its Friends and Ladies are cordially invited.

G. C. MOXON, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th July, 1911. 1934

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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THE NINETIETH ORDINARY HALF

THE DECLARATION OF LONDON.

SIR HEDWORTH LAMPTON'S VIEWS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE TIMES".]

"But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned, . . . their blood will I require at the watchman's hand."

Sir.—As I believe the Government by their determination hastily ratify the Declaration of London are, unwittingly no doubt, playing the part of the faithless watchman as depicted in the above well-known passage, I crave permission to say a few words.

A few months ago the Government encouraged a distinguished general on the Active List, holding an important and highly-paid appointment, to write a pamphlet supporting Government policy, which pamphlet also contained a paragraph or two of skilful adulation of the War Minister.

Therefore if there is any honourable logic remaining in the land, it cannot be improper for an Admiral on the Active List, on half-pay, to express his disapproval of this proposed Declaration of London.

The Prime Minister's reply to questions in the House of Commons yesterday make it fairly clear that the approval of the Sea Lords had been obtained for this Declaration, so detrimental to the Royal Navy.

In the spring of this year the Government by the voice of Mr. McKenna claimed the right to state that any question had the approval of the Board of Admiralty if two Lords of the Admiralty had agreed to it. This is the truth, but it has the same relation to the whole truth as a satellite invisible to the naked eye has to its brightly shining planet.

I had the honour to be the Naval Private Secretary 1894-1897 to the Liberal Lord Spencer and the Unionist Lord Goschen, and if either of these front rank statesmen had informed Parliament and the country that a policy had the approval of the Board of Admiralty, it meant that approval included that of the Sea Lords, they would as soon have thought of pawing the Government furniture in their official residence as to make a misleading pledge.

All important questions affecting the Navy should be thrashed out by the full Board of Admiralty in the time-honoured fashion sitting round the table as depicted in a print in my possession, dated 1803.

Any other procedure is a deception an England, and deceptions because not illegal are none the less immoral.

Over a hundred Admirals on the Retired List, many of them most distinguished, and all old and experienced men, have made a most temperate appeal to the Prime Minister to grant further consideration before ratifying this Declaration of London, which they know to be fraught with deadly danger to the Empire, yet the Liberal Press and apparently the Prime Minister throw aside their earnest and friendly position with the haughty disdain of Caesar marching to his doom.

The Declaration affects the Navy far more than it does politicians, for if things go wrong, the latter will throw the blame on the former, as in 1756.

"When the news reached England" (I am quoting from Fortescue's "History of the British Army") "the nation, frantic with rage and shame, looked about savagely for a scapegoat, and the unfortunate Admiral Byng was shot because Newcastle deserved to be hanged."

To those who have studied this Declaration it must be evident that throughout Germany has had the manly part, whilst England's record is that of womanly surrender.

The Liberal Party has exchanged the staff of common sense for a ban of mistletoe, and longs to be embraced by any suitor who whispers the magic word "peace." A little more of Penelope and a good deal of Cassandra would be better.

I expect most Englishmen will feel that in this business the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary are now exactly in the position of Christian and his younger friend Hopeful when they walked into the snare of the Flatterer, and it will be remembered that when released and before proceeding on their pilgrimage they received a severe flogging for having neglected the warnings of the shepherds. Well, in this business the Navy are the shepherds, and none can deny that they have been faithful.

The ratification or non-ratification will be settled within a week of the Coronation of our sailor King, and the whole Empire is watching to see if we have that "faithful Senate" without which it is impossible to expect "victorious peace."

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

HEDWORTH LAMPTON, Admiral.

48, Bryanston-square, W., June 30.

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ACTION TAKEN AT LLOYD'S.

A petition signed, it is claimed, by an overwhelming majority of the active underwriters of Lloyd's has been forwarded to the Committee praying them to lay before the proper authorities the opinion that the Declaration of London is detrimental to the interests of the re-insuring companies.

Signatures to this petition were first submitted on Thursday, and naturally many names of great weight appear. The position is especially interesting as representing the first concerted action that has been taken by Lloyd's underwriters, since the voting against the Declaration by marine insurance members of the London Chamber of Commerce can scarcely be regarded as representative. But it cannot be too clearly stated that the movement has no official significance. The idea of obtaining signatures appears to have originated with one or two members, and it is claimed that the support of the great majority of underwriters was given almost spontaneously. It is quite possible that even at this time of day some members who signed had not equipped themselves with any knowledge of the position, but others, there can be no doubt, have made a point of mastering the proposals and discussing their probable effect.

INSURANCE AGAINST WAR RISKS.
It should be noted that the petition refers to the "interests of the country," not to the "interests of underwriters." The reason for this is clear. Those who are actively opposing the ratification claim that as underwriters they will be able to look after their own interests whatever happens, but also from their special knowledge underwriters believe that the commerce of the country will suffer if the Declaration be ratified. At present when goods are to be shipped by any vessel named a policy is usually granted in which the risks of war are included; and when shipments for a year are insured on open cover, by which means an enormous amount of business is transacted, the war risk is also included, subject to the provision that indemnity against such risks shall cease after 15 days' notice. The most recent illustration of this closure was seen early in March, when, owing to the disturbed conditions, underwriters gave notice that after 15 days and until further notice insurance on goods to and from Mexico would not cover the risks of war.

The ordinary policy insuring hulls for particular voyages usually gives indemnity against war risks, but when hulls are insured for a year a clause is inserted known as the "Free of Capture and Seizure Clause," in which war risks are expressly excluded. Then when there are no war clouds on the horizon owners can, if they choose, obtain the extra cover for a nominal premium, such as 2s. 6d. per cent., just as now owners sometimes specially insure their vessels trading in Eastern seas against the risk of mines laid during the Russo-Japanese War at a premium of 6d. or 9d. per cent. The opinion is now freely expressed that if the Declaration be ratified and the conversion of private ships into merchantmen on the high seas be freely allowed, underwriters will not be able to give this protection against war risks for nothing, or for only a nominal rate. They will in every case exclude such risks, and shipowners and merchants who want war insurance in time of peace may have to pay substantial rates, while it is argued that if this country were at war the insurance premiums would be tremendous.

DETERMINED OPPOSITION.
Among the small minority who did not sign the petition there were some who took exception to a particular phrase and would have signed if it had been thought advisable to make some amendment in the wording; others refrained, perhaps, because of the political party instinct, while there are no doubt able men who believe that underwriters stand to gain more by the ratification than they are likely to lose; but there cannot be a doubt that the rank and file of marine underwriters in London, many of whom have made it their business to study the proposals, read the debates in Parliament, and the speeches that have been made elsewhere, are strongly opposed to the Declaration of London in its present form.

THE DIRECTORS OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE TIMES".]

The expert adviser was the Director of Naval Intelligence, who was always an Admiral of distinction.

(Extract from "The Times" report of Mr. McKenna's speech in the House of Commons, June 23.)

Sir—I do not know if it will cause much surprise if I point out that Mr. McKenna's speech in the House of Commons, June 23, should have been "never."

No holder of the office of Director of Naval Intelligence had ever previously hoisted his flag as an Admiral, though most of them became Admirals of much distinction after quitting the Naval Intelligence Department. The first Director of Naval Intelligence was Captain Cyprian Bridge. He was succeeded by Captain Lewis Beaumont, to be followed by Captain Reginald Constance, Captain H. S. H. Prince Louis of Battenberg, Captain Charles Orlay, and Captain Slade. The only Director of Naval Intelligence who was on the Flag List at the time of his appointment in the present occupant—the Hon. Alexander Bethell, and on reference to the Royal Navy List for his "war and meritorious services," as I find is "Aide-de-camp to the King, 1st January, 1907, to 1st March, 1908, when he was promoted to Rear-Admiral; Director of Naval Intelligence, 1909."

Mr. McKenna's opinion that it is improper for officers on the Active List, but on half-pay, to publicly state their views is also incorrect. Any officer who is not employed has as much right to express his opinion on any subject under the sun as any other Englishman. This is an axiom that no one who has any regard for liberty will dispute. The corollary is, of course, that any officer on half-pay who does dare to disagree with his official superiors cannot complain if he is never employed again.

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The French railway from Tong-King reached Yunnan, the provincial capital, a year ago, thus bringing the eastern market into close touch with the world, says a British Consular report, and I was afraid that Tong-Yunnan would be confined to a purely local sphere of influence. It has caused some surprise that events have not entirely justified these fears. The values of trade during the year under review are slightly higher than usual, and the year closes with a realization that under present conditions Teng-Yunnan remains in the field as a distributor of the cotton cloth and cotton yarn which constitute the main demand of the Yunnan market. In the movements of China trade it is not unusual to meet factors which are difficult of comprehension and which present no satisfactory explanation when viewed from an ordinary economic stand-point. The Yunnan ordinary economic stand-point. The Yunnan ordinary economic stand-point.

The Navy and Commerce are on one side, and a handful of political lawyers on the other.

If the Government permits with this Declaration, I think it not unfair to recall the denunciation spoken so many centuries ago—

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THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS, MONDAY, JULY 24TH, 1911.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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FROM HULL, ANTWERP, MIDDLEBoro', LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENLOCHY."

Captain E. J. Stoddard, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Optional Cargo will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON, TO-DAY.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on MONDAY, 24th inst., at 10 A.M.

All Claims must be presented within FIFTEEN Days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 17th July, 1911. 1945

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "TE" MARU,

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU AND JAPAN PORTS.

THE above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on FRIDAY, the 21st inst., at 5 P.M., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense and delivery must then be taken from Company's Godowns.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claims will be recognized after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered on TUESDAY, the 23rd inst., afternoon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All chafed and otherwise damaged Cargo to be left on board or Godown, and examination of same to be arranged.

All Claims must be filed on or before TUESDAY, the 1st Aug., otherwise they will not be recognized.

K. MATSUDA,

Agent.

Hongkong, 18th July, 1911. 1946

COTTON CULTIVATION IN CHINA.

The British Acting Commercial Attaché at Peking has furnished the following memorandum on the cultivation of cotton and the manufacture of cotton goods in China.

The trade returns of the Imperial Maritime Customs for the year 1910 show an export of raw cotton from China to foreign countries of 1,494,885 cwt., valued at 26,141,234 Haikwan taels (about £3,768,800). This is an increase of nearly 100 per cent. over the previous year's export, and of just 60 per cent. over the average quantity exported during the preceding four years.

The average value per cwt. has risen from 12.70 taels in 1906 to 18.95 taels in 1910. The strong demand from Japan and even the Continent of Europe in the second half of the year sent prices up to a record level in 1910.

Tientsin cotton was quoted in the last-named market at approximately 6d. 1. lb. Statistics of the distribution of the foreign exports are not available, but it is probable that some 90 per cent. went, as in previous years, to Japan.

While the high price of raw cotton both in the United States and in India during the past two years is mainly responsible for the increased export of China cotton, the all-round increase in production, more especially in North China, is undoubtedly in great measure due to the substitution of cotton for the opium poppy as a result of the measures taken by the Chinese Government to prohibit the cultivation of opium. Official encouragement has been given to the formation of societies for the study of cotton cultivation. In several provinces, notably Szechuan, Shantung, and Yunnan, the government have made free distributions of seed, both native and foreign, and have appointed agents to and for, and have appointed agents to instruct the people in improved methods of cultivation. The experiments which have been carried on during the past years in Szechuan appear to have been particularly successful.

Unfortunately, the increased demand and high price paid for Chinese cotton has proved too much for the honesty of the native growers and collecting agents, who have carried the practice of watering cotton to a pitch which, if persisted in, bids fair to exclude Chinese cotton from the world's markets, and seriously to handicap the growing cotton manufacturing industry in China.

An international committee of merchants interested in the trade has lately been formed in Shanghai and is now engaged, in co-operation with the Chinese authorities and the native cotton guilds, in devising measures for putting an end to the practice of watering cotton.

According to a recent report, there are now thirty-three cotton mills working in China, of which about one-half are situated in Shanghai. The number of spindles is given as 903,416, and of looms as 3,808. The total annual output is placed, on a

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Alacrity, despatch-boat, 700 tons, 4 guns, 2,000 i.h.p., Comdr. A. Lowndes, Weihaiwei.	
Astros, 2nd class cruiser, 3,500 tons, 10 guns, 7,000 i.h.p., Captain E. B. Kiddie, Weihaiwei.	
Atlas, admiralty tug, 615 tons, 1,400 i.h.p., Master S. West, Hongkong.	
Bramble, gunboat, 710 tons, 900 i.h.p., Lieutenant, Saigon	
Pistole, destroyer, 300 tons, 7 guns, 7,000 h.p., Commander Morten, Mouray.	
Bruton, gunboat, 710 tons, 900 h.p., Lieutenant, Comdr. J. M. Barker, Shanghai.	
Cadmus, British sloop, 1,070 tons, i.h.p. 1,400 i.h.p., Comdr. H. Lyles, on route to Hongkong.	
Cherub, water tank and tug, 390 tons, i.h.p. 340, Master W. Smith, Hongkong.	
Clio, British sloop, 1,070 tons, i.h.p. 1,400, Comdr. H. E. Veale, Shanghai.	
Fame, torpedo-boat destroyer, 340 tons, 6 guns, 5,700 i.h.p., Lt. Comdr. H. S. Monroe, Weihaiwei.	
Handy, torpedo-boat destroyer, 295 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., Lieutenant-Comdr. H. Guy Stopford, Hongkong.	
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Iltis, gunboat, 1,000 tons, 10 guns, 1,800 h.p., Captain Lass, Hongkong.	
Jaguar, gunboat, 200 tons, 10 guns, 1,800 h.p., Captain Graf von Posadowsky, Weihaiwei.	
Leopold, cruiser, Captain Euge, Weihaiwei.	
Luchs, gunboat, 850 tons, 10 guns, 1,344 h.p., Captain Böckel, Weihaiwei.	
Kent, armoured cruiser, 3,800 tons, 14 guns, 1,800 h.p., Captain S. St. J. Farquhar, en route to Weihaiwei.	
Kinshu, river gunboat, 616 tons, 1,200, Lieutenant-Comdr. T. S. Lyne, Yangtze.	
Merlin, surveying ship, 1,070 tons, 6 guns, 1,400 i.h.p., Comdr. B. O. M. Davy, Sandakan.	
Minotaur, armoured cruiser (flagship), Vice-Admiral Sir A. L. Whase, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G., 14,600 tons, i.h.p. 27,000, Captain G. C. Cayley, Weihaiwei.	
Monmouth, armoured cruiser, 9,800 tons, i.h.p. 22,000, Captain L. E. Power, M.V.O., Weihaiwei.	
Mooren, river gunboat, 180 tons, 2 guns, 1,800 h.p., Lieutenant, Comdr. G. P. Leith, West River.	
Newcastle, 2nd class cruiser, 4,200 tons, turbines, Captain George P. E. Hunt, D.S.O., Weihaiwei.	
Nightingale, river gunboat, 85 tons, 240 h.p., Lieutenant, Claude Hillersdon-Woodward, R.N., Yangtze.	
Otter, torpedo-boat destroyer, 285 tons, 6 guns, 5,000 i.h.p., Comdr. Lamb, Weihaiwei.	
Robin, river gunboat, 65 tons, 2 guns, 240 h.p., Lieutenant, Comdr. A. O. Douglas, West River.	
Rosario, depot ship for Submarines, 980 tons, i.h.p. 1,400, Lieutenant, Comdr. N. E. Archdale, Hongkong.	
Sandpiper, river gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 24 h.p., Lieutenant, Comdr. E. J. J. Southby, West River.	
Snipe, river gunboat, 85 tons, 2 guns, 240 h.p., Lieutenant, Maurice B. Leslie, Yangtze.	
Taku, torpedo-boat destroyer, 305 tons, i.h.p. 6,000, Gunner E. J. Trillo, R.N., Hongkong.	
Chamoy, destroyer, 420 tons, Ensign I. N. McNair.	
Date, destroyer, 420 tons, Lieutenant Herbert H. Michael.	
Denver, cruiser, 3,200 tons, Comdr. Edward E. Caghehan, Shanghai.	
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SOME STORIES OF THE LATE KING LEOPOLD.

From an article of great personal interest which Mr. Xavier Paoli contributes to this month's *Contemporary Review*, on the late King of the Belgians, we take the following paragraphs:

I am bound to admit that the King spared neither time nor energy when he scented what he called a "capital stroke of business." I can still see him, one afternoon, leaving M. Waldock-Rousseau's villa at the Cap d'Antibes, near Cannes, where he had gone to pay the Prime Minister a visit, and perceiving on the road leading to the station, a magnificent walled-in park that looked as if it were abandoned.

"Who owns that property?" he asked suddenly.

"An Englishman, sir, who never comes near it."

"We have time to look over it," said the King, "before the train leaves for Nice. Somebody fetch the gardener."

The gardener was not to be found, but the gate was open. Leopold II, walked in without hesitation, followed by Baron Sney, my colleague, M. Olivi, and myself, hurried along the deserted paths and praised the beauty of the vegetation; but when it became time to go we discovered to our dismay that someone had locked the gate while we were inside. There was no key, no possibility of opening it. We called and shouted in vain. Nobody appeared. The train was due before long; the King began to grow impatient. What were we to do? Olivi had a flash of genius. He ran to a shed, the roof of which showed above the nearest thicket, and returned with a ladder.

"If your Majesty does not mind, you will be able to get over the wall."

The King accepted impassively, and the ascent began. Baron Sney went first, then I, and the King, in his turn, climbed the rungs, supported by Olivi. Baron Sney and I pranced upon the top of the wall, hollered at the King after us. We were joined by Olivi, and a dreadful thing happened: the ladder swayed and fell! There were all four of us, aside the wall, swinging our legs without any means of getting down on the other side.

"We look like burglars," said the King, with a forced laugh.

There was nothing for it but to jump. The distance from the top of the wall to the slope beside the road was not great; and Baron Sney, Olivi and I succeeded in falling on our feet without much difficulty. The King, however, who limped in one leg and lacked agility, could not think of it.

Then Olivi, who certainly proved himself a most resourceful man that day, solved the problem. He suggested that the King should climb down upon our shoulders. The King, accordingly, let himself slide on to the shoulders of Baron Sney, who passed him on to Olivi's back, while I caught hold of his long legs and deposited his huge fat safely on the ground!

Some years later, seeing Olivi at the station at Nice:

"I remember you, M. Olivi," said Leopold II. "You took part in our great gymnastic display at Antibes."

"I did," said Olivi.

"Well, do you know, M. Olivi, there is no use for me to climb the wall now: I have the key: the property is mine."

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He was a scamp to the verge of indifference, and yet entertained odd antipathies and aversions. For instance, he hated the piano, and was tormented of a cold in the head. Whenever he had to select a new side-camp, he always began by asking two questions:

"Do you play the piano? Do you catch cold easily?"

If the officer replied in the negative the King said:

"That's all right, and the side-camp was appointed; but if I ill-luck the poor fellow returned an evasive answer, his fate was doomed: he went straight back to his regiment."

This inexplicable dread of the corona had attained such proportions that during the last years of the King's life, the people about him—including the ladies—discovered a simple and ingenious expedient for obtaining a day's leave when they wanted it: they simply sneezed without stopping. At the third explosion, the old sovereign gave a suspicious look at the sneezer and said:

"I don't want you to day."

And the trick was done.

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He had idiosyncrasies, like most mortals. For instance, he used to have four buckets of seawater dashed over his body every morning, by way of a bath; he expected partridges to be served at his meals all the year round; and he had his newspapers ironed like pocket-handkerchiefs before reading them: he could not endure anything like a fold or crease in them. Lastly, when addressing the servants, he always spoke of himself in the third person. Thus he would say to his chauffeur, "Wait for him," instead of "Wait for me." Those new to his service, who had not been warned, were puzzled to know to what mysterious person he referred.

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We did our best to prevent his seeing the satirical drawings in which he figured in attitudes unbecoming the dignity of a king; but we did not always succeed. Fortunately, his sense of humour exceeded any gravity which he may have felt. Remembering that he possessed an astonishing double in the person of an old Parisian called M. Mabile, he never failed to exclaim, when by some unlikely chance his eyes fell upon a caricature of his Royal features:

"There, to see to it that that unfortunate M. Mabile again! And how like me he is! Lord, how like me he is!"

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On one evening, at a reception which the King was giving to the local authorities in his chateau at Ostend, the venerable rector of the parish came up to him with an air of concern, and, drawing him respectfully aside, said:

"Sir, I feel profably grieved. There is a rumour, I am sorry to say, that your Majesty's private life is not marked by the austerity suited to the lofty and difficult task which the Lord has laid upon the monarchs of this earth. Remember, sir, that it behoves kings to set an example to their subjects."

And the worthy rector, taking courage from the fact that he had known Leopold II for thirty years, preached him a long sermon. The penitent adopted an air of contrition, listened to the homily, without moving a muscle. When, at last, the priest had finished, used his eloquence:

"What a funny thing, monsieur le curé!"

"What a funny thing, monsieur le curé!" murmured the King, fixing him with that cold glance of his, from under his wrinkled eyelids.

"Do you know, people have told me—exactly the same think about your—" Only, I refuse to believe it, you know!"

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MELENIAH, British str., 3,006, L. M. Heyen, 22nd July—Bankok 15th July, Coal—Batterfield & Swire.

MINERVA, American str., 13,323, T. W. Gaebel, 22nd July—Seattle 19th June and Manila 20th July, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

PAGLAR, German str., 1,018, J. Wenzel, 22nd July—Bankok and Swatow 21st July, Rice—Batterfield & Swire.

PERITA, Austrian str., 3,779, P. Chumak, 22nd July—Shanghai 19th July, General—Sunder, Wieler & Co.

SEXTA, German str., 972, Jansen, 22nd July—Bankok and Swatow 21st July, General—Chinese.

SHINSHU MARU, Japanese str., 2,449, T. Akiyama, 22nd July—Mukden 15th July, Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

SHIYU MARU, Japanese str., 5,878, K. Naou, 22nd July—Moji 17th July, Coal—Order.

SOSHU MARU, Japanese str., 1,119, K. Sugiyama, 23rd July—Swatow 22nd July, General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

TAIHUN, Chinese str., 22nd July—Canton.

TIJIN, Dutch str., 2,000, J. P. Scholte, 22nd July—Swatow 21st July, General—Java-China Japan Lijn.

TRIUMPH, German str., 769, Langschwager, 22nd July—Holloway 21st July, General—Jensen & Co.

YOCHEW, British str., 1,556, McIntosh, 22nd July—Wuhu 15th July, Coal—Batterfield & Swire.

DEPARTURES

22nd July.

ASSAYE, British str. for Europe, &c.

COQUET, British str. for Sumatra.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN, British str. for Vancouver.

HANDI, French str. for Haiphong.

HOPSANG, British str. for Hongay.

KUN SANG, British str. for Singapore.

KWEILIN, British str. for Canton.

LOOSOK, German str. for Swatow.

ORTERIC, British str. for Manila.

PITSANULOK, German str. for Swatow.

WINGANG, British str. for Shanghai.

YUEN SANG, British str. for Manila.

ZHENGZHOU, British str. for Canton.

SHIPPING REPORTS

The British str. *Haiyang* reports: Fresh to moderate wind, S.E. swell, clear and fine.

The Chinese str. *Kwangtung* reports: Mod. to fresh N.E. and E. wind, fine weather and Southerly swell.

The German str. *Nestor* reports: From Bangkok to Swatow, light S.W. winds; Swatow to Hongkong, moderate N.E.

The Austrian str. *Pavia* reports: Leaving Shanghai strong S.W. monsoon, fine weather; in the Formosa Ch. near strong E.S.E. winds, sky overcast and clouds running W.N. with high speed, barometer low falling.

PASSENGERS

ARRIVED.

Per *Haiyang*, from Swatow, Mr. Beckel.

Per *Kwangtung*, from Shanghai, Mr. H. Knox. Per *Aerathon Apar*, from Calcutta, &c., Mr. A. Gurnau.

Per *Empire*, from Yokohama for Sydney, Mr. W. A. D'Arcy and Mr. P. Donnelley; from Kobe for Sydney, Mr. H. E. Goddard and Mr. A. Bannerman; from Shanghai for Brisbane, Mr. A. Miskiniech; for Melbourne, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bloom and 2 children, Mrs. M. C. Penzis, Master Penzis.

Per *Assay*, from Shanghai for London, Mr. H. P. Helm, Mr. H. Rhodes and Mr. A. Getley; for Singapore, Mr. J. Seymour and Mr. S. Anderson; for Hongkong, Mrs. Devaney, Mr. B. Young, Capt. W. B. Kent, Mrs. Pelham, Mr. J. M. Villa, Mr. W. V. Graben and Mr. B. Riobey; from Kobe for London, Mr. C. Brown; from Tokohama for Marseilles, Mr. A. Marshall; from Kobe for Bombay, Mr. G. Mahomed; for Hongkong, Mr. Pallister.

Per *Minnesota*, from Seattle, Messrs. C. E. Stevens, C. E. Steven, J. H. Suttor, M. G. Ginn, C. Pitney, P. Hurst, J. Pingpong, C. M. Jenkins, Mrs. W. A. Smith and child, Mrs. L. D. Mandell and child, Mrs. Watson and child, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Ebey, and 2 children, Mrs. D. T. Toomey and child, Mr. P. de la Serna, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Ewing, Miss S. Allan, Miss M. L. Woodward, Messrs. E. Aguilar, P. Lavidin, F. Garey, F. Snyder, C. A. Powers, F. Hale, W. T. Fenn, J. L. Parks and A. L. Pearce.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL

June 27th—Amelia, Asturias, Carmarthen.

Hirano Maru, Meimai, Neckar, 30th—

Pelus, Soctra, 1st—Rendan Glaetar, Sumatra, 1st—Satsum, Tsurane, Afghan, 11th—

Himazaya, Hysen, Moyne, Oceack, Tingo Maru, Aetia, Vorwerts, 14th—Brauam, Kintuck, Monmouthshire, Myrion, Pisharur, Sardinia, 18th—Bengal, China, Nis, Prinz Ludwig, Tonkin, Welsh Prince, 21st—Attaula Maru, Idomen, Kamo Maru, Kavuchi Maru, Polynesia.

ARRIVALS AT HOME

July 21st—Benavon, Areadia, Areus.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k," nearest Hongkong "h," midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & B.R.	BERTH.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SIMLA	Brit. str.	C. D. Goldsmith, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 26th inst. at Noon.	
LONDON, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP, &c.	PENRHOSKSHIRE	Brit. str.	W. Barrett	JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., LTD.	On 2nd Aug.	
LONDON, &c. VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DELHI	Brit. str.	H. S. Bradshaw	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 5th Aug. at Noon.	
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SEGOWIA	Ger. str.	Deinat	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 12th Aug.	
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	BRISAGNA	Ger. str.	Giesentrau	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 23rd Aug.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	LIBERIA	Ger. str.	Karberg	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 7th Aug.	
HAVRE, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	SAXONIA	Ger. str.	T. Stor	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 17th Aug.	
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SPERZA	Ger. str.	Fleas	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 2nd Aug.	
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	KITANO MARU	Jan. str.	F. E. Cope	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 21st Aug.	
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	SILESIA	Ger. str.	Reuss	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	To-day P.M.	
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	TIESTE	Ger. str.	Ciumak	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 26th inst. at Noon.	
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR & SOUTHAMPTON	PRINCESS ALICE	Am. str.	P. Grosch	MELCHERS & CO.	On 26th inst. at Noon.	
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	INVERGLYDE	Am. str.	Jas. Findlay	SHEWAN, TOME'S & CO.	On 4th Aug.	
VANCOUVER, B.C., SEATTLE & PORTLAND, &c.	ORTERIC	Brit. str.	W. Davison	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	On 4th Aug.	
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	W. Davison	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 12th Aug. at 6 P.M.	
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	MONTEAGLE	Jap. str.	W. Davison	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 12th Sept. at Noon.	
CACTUS	CANADA MARU	Jap. str.	Iriyawa	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at 11 A.M.	
CACTUS	TAJOMA MARU	Jap. str.	S. Tomonaga	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 9th Aug. at 11 A.M.	
CACTUS	ATA MARU	Jap. str.		NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 15th Aug. at 4 P.M.	
CACTUS	INABA MARU	Jap. str.		NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 12th Sept. at 4 P.M.	
CACTUS	TANGO MARU	Jap. str.		TOYO KAIREN KAISHA	On 28th inst. at Noon.	
CACTUS	KOREA	Am. str.		PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	On 4th Aug. at 11 A.M.	
CACTUS	SEBATHLVON	Am. str.		PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	On 11th Aug. at 1 P.M.	
CACTUS	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	J. R. Shaw	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	On 29th inst. at 6 P.M.	
CACTUS	PRINCE WALDEMAR	Am. str.	M. Windeler	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	On 4th Aug. at Noon.	
CACTUS	YAMATA MARU	Jap. str.	F. Isoko	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	On 12th Aug. at 4 P.M.	
CACTUS	YAMATA MARU	Jap. str.	T. Sekine	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	On 1st Sept. at Noon.	
CACTUS	TANGO MARU	Jap. str.	K. Kuroki	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	On 3rd Aug. at 11 A.M.	
CACTUS	TIKINI	Jap. str.	H. Koops	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN	Quick despatch.	
CACTUS	KIYU MARU	Jap. str.	S. Togo	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 15th Aug. at Noon.	
CACTUS	BAIRON ADDISON	Jap. str.	V. McClymont-Liddell	ABOUT 20TH AUG.	About 20th Aug.	
CACTUS	TIKILWONG	Jap. str.	H. Hooker	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 26th inst. at 4 P.M.	
CACTUS	TIKILWONG	Jap. str.	Spencer Wilde	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 1st Aug. at 4 P.M.	
CACTUS	TIKILWONG	Jap. str.	L. Massa	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 29th inst. at M'light	
CACTUS	TIKILWONG	Jap. str.	C. C. Williams	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 2nd Aug.	
CACTUS	TIKILWONG	Jap. str.	F. Feldmann	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst.	
CACTUS	TIKILWONG	Jap. str.	B. Powell	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 29th inst.	
CACTUS	TIKILWONG	Jap. str.	A. W. Outerbridge	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 29th inst. at 2 P.M.	
CACTUS	TIKILWONG	Jap. str.	T. A. Mitchell	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 30th inst. at 4 P.M.	
CACTUS	TIKILWONG	Jap. str.	H. Hobel	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 29th inst. at 4 P.M.	
CACTUS	TIKILWONG	Jap. str.	C. C. Talbot, R.N.R.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 29th inst. at 4 P.M.	
CACTUS	TIKILWONG	Jap. str.	Van D. Jalink	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 29th inst. at 4 P.M.	
CACTUS	TIKILWONG	Jap. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 29th inst. at 4 P.M.	
CACTUS	SOSU MARU	Jap. str.	J. W. Evans	J. R. Shaw	On 29th inst. at 4 P.M.	
CACTUS	DALIN MARU	Jap. str.	A. H. Stewart	J. R. Shaw	On 29th inst. at 4 P.M.	
CACTUS	HAIYANG	Jap. str.	J. S. Bosch	J. R. Shaw	On 29th inst. at 4 P.M.	
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